

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 18, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)  
Rep. Dan McGee (R)  
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)  
Rep. Karl Ohs (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bob Story (R)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)  
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kim Walkenhorst, Committee Secretary  
Kathleen Williams, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB124, HB183, 1/18/1999  
Executive Action: HB95

HEARING ON HB124

Sponsor's Opening Statement: Rep. Dick Haines  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.4 - 3.6}

Proponents' Testimony:

Paul Spengler, Lewis and Clark Disaster and Emergency Services  
**EXHIBIT**(nah13a01)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8}

Don Artley, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation(DNRC)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.5}

Jim Greene, Disaster and Emergency Division of the Department of  
Military Affairs **EXHIBIT**(nah13a02)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14 - 16.3}

Mark Langdorf, Montana Fire Districts Association  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.5 - 18.4}

Cary Hegreberg, Montana Wood Products  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.6 - 19.4}

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:  
{Tape : 1; Side :A; Approx. Time Counter :19.8}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Haines  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.4 - 11}

HEARING ON HB183

Sponsor's Testimony: Rep. Rick Dale, HD39  
**EXHIBIT**(nah13a03)**EXHIBIT**(nah13a04)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jan Sensebaugh, Department of Environmental Quality  
**EXHIBIT**(nah13a05)**EXHIBIT**(nah13a06)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.8}

Richard Parks, Northern Plains Resource Council **EXHIBIT**(nah13a07)

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.8}**

Jeff Barber, MEIC

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10}**

Steve Pilcher, Golden Sunlight Mines

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.2}**

Frank Crowley, on behalf of Asarco **EXHIBIT**(nah13a08)

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.3}**

Jill Andrews, Montana Mining Association

**{Tape :2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.8}**

Bill Snoddy, McDonald Gold Project

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.9}**

Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

**{Tape :2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27}**

Mike Foster, Montana Contractor's Association

**{Tape :2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.9}**

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.9}**

Rep. Tash moved to send bill to a selected subcommittee. Rep.

Dale concurred.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.6}**

Fiscal note requested by Rep. Wagner.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28}**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Dale

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.6}**

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB95**

**Motion:** Rep. Story moved that HB95 be adopted.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8}**

**Motion:** Rep. Story moved that HB95 be amended. **EXHIBIT**(nah13a09)

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5}**

**Discussion:**

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.1}***

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote to adopt amendments.

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.4}***

**Motion:** Rep. McGee moved that HB95 be amended.

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9}***

**Discussion:**

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6}***

**Vote:** Motion failed 6-10 with Curtiss, Dale, McGee, Mood, Orr, and Wagner voting aye.

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.7}***

**Vote:** Motion that HB95 be adopted as amended carried 0-1 with Wagner voting no.

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.8}***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

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REP. BILL TASH, Chairman

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Kimberly Walkenhorst, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nah13aad)**